

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 7, 2019

The Honorable John Sanders  
Acting Commissioner  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Acting Commissioner Sanders,

We are writing to support the City of Eagle Pass' request to the Department of Homeland Security to expand the hours of operation at the Port of Entry commonly referred to as Eagle Pass International Bridge #1. Given the level of activity and demand, we request that Customs and Border Protection consider operations for 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the existing hours of operation, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, seven days a week. The bridges in Eagle Pass have consistently seen delays, preventing the efficient flow of trade and passengers.

In 2018 alone, over 25.2 billion in manufactured goods, 350,000 rail cars, 2,600 buses, 700,000 pedestrians, 170,000 trucks, and 2.7 million passenger vehicles crossed through the three bridges located in Eagle Pass. The average daily traffic includes over 10,000 passenger vehicles, 3,000 pedestrians, and 700 commercial trucks. Expanding the hours of operation will ensure all Ports of Entry located in Eagle Pass are able to operate efficiently and effectively, which is vital to both the Texas and national economies.

We appreciate your swift and thoughtful consideration of the City of Eagle Pass' request. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN  
United States Senator



WILL HURD  
Member of Congress